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herein consists of personal comments and does not represent the official
policies or positions of any party. Your mileage may vary. So there.

Date: 13 Feb 1994 11:43:14 GMT
From: agate!howland.reston.ans.net!noc.near.net!news.delphi.com!
gilbaronw@mn@ames.arpa
Subject: Copying High-Speed CW: Print or Scr
To: info-hams@ucsd.edu

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>A mailing I read is involved in a comparision of the speeds of
>printing and cursive writing. I decided to consult some experts.
>So, all you high-speed CW ops, which do _you_ use?

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>73,

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>Michael A. Gauland gaulandm@tekig7.PEN.TEK.COM

>AA7JF (503) 627-5067

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Printing is not feasible above 25 WPM. You must learn to use cursive.

Gil Baron, El Baron Rojo, WOMN Rochester, MN
"Bailar es Vivir"
PGP2.3 key at key servers or upon request

Date: Tue, 15 Feb 1994 00:51:41 GMT
From: scubed!ihnp4.ucsd.edu!sdd.hp.com!math.ohio-state.edu!howland.reston.ans.net!
wupost!udel!news.sprintlink.net!direct!kg7bk@network.ucsd.edu
Subject: HAMBLASTER INCORRECT STATEMENTS
To: info-hams@ucsd.edu

John W. Albert (jwa@tellabs.com) wrote:

: Several add-ons will include, a better A/D...
: ... for Ham use you only need an... 8 bit A/D.
: Jack Albert WA9FVP

Jack, if for Ham use you only need an 8 bit A/D then why will your add-ons include a better A/D? I have a direct conversion receiver and have found that an 8-bit A/D is not good enough for weak signal CW reception. With 8-bits of dynamic range, I spent all my processing power in scaling and avoiding saturation from strong signals. 16-bits gives me some needed headroom.

73, Cecil, kg7bk@indirect.com

Date: 13 Feb 1994 17:18:35 GMT
From: agate!howland.reston.ans.net!news.moneng.mei.com!uwm.edu!msuinfo!
cravitma@ames.arpa
Subject: HT Recs out there?
To: info-hams@ucsd.edu

On 12 Feb 1994 23:06:18 GMT, strange alien beings caused Jesse L Wei (j1w3@cec3.wustl.edu) to write:

> I've been looking primarily at dual-banders, especially the ICOM IC-W2A.
> Any complaints or complements for this or Kenwood's or Yaesu's or Alinco's?
> I also like the look of having a wide band receiver as the IC-2SRA, but
> as I already have a PRO-43, I know I don't need it. What are your
> recommendations? Go new? Go used (I think that there will be an ARRL
> convention in Dallas area this summer, is that right?)???

I have a Yaesu FT-470 dual-bander that I am quite happy with, and the model that replaced it (the FT-530 looks quite nice as well). I have also heard a lot of good things about the Alinco DJ-580, which looks like a wholly excellent radio for not an exorbitant amount of money. The Icoms, in my opinion, tend to be a little pricey.

> I'm kind of flexible on price range--I'm willing to spend a little more
> if I know I'll be using it for a LONG time.

The FT-530 and Alinco DJ-580T are both running in the \$375-450 range. I'm not sure how much the FT-470 that I have is since it was a gift, but I think around \$400.

> Where is a good place to buy? Mail order? Tucker's Electronics (ads in

I find Tucker's pricing to be a little expensive. I am partial to AES (in Milwaukee, among other place) myself, but if you shop around in the ads in CQ or something like that you may be able to do better than AES's prices.

> _CQ_, etc) is close to my house in Dallas. Any suggestions about
> dual-band vs. just 2m or 70cm?

If it were me, I'd get the dual-bander myself. No sense locking yourself out of all that fun stuff available on 440. I almost made that mistake, and then decided that to ask for a dual-bander would be a lot less painful than kicking myself later for not having one.

> Any and all suggestions are appreciated. Thanks in advance.

If you need any more info etc, please feel free to drop me email
(cravitma@cps.msu.edu)

Congratulations on passing your test.

/Matthew N9VWG

Date: Tue, 15 Feb 1994 00:10:20 GMT
From: scubed!ihnp4.ucsd.edu!sdd.hp.com!vixen.cso.uiuc.edu!howland.reston.ans.net!
cs.utexas.edu!oakhill!yosemite.sps.mot.com!ben@network.ucsd.edu
Subject: Nude amateur radio clubs
To: info-hams@ucsd.edu

In article <debmooreCL0r4w.6E7@netcom.com>,
Bob Shilling <debmoore@netcom.com> wrote:
>Gary Davis (gdavis@griffin.uvm.edu) wrote:


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>(He used to have a monthly ham ad in QST.) The nude lady in the QSL photo
>was indeed a kind of centerfold, although not the type you might expect.
>It was done as a promotion for a nudist colony in Georgia or somewhere.
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We don't do colonies... just parks and resorts :).

- -ben

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Ben Thornton Amateur call: WD5HLS
Internet: ben@yosemite.sps.mot.com Motorola Inc., Austin, TX
Caution: Wearing clothes has been shown to cause permanent psychological
dependence on textiles. WEAR THEM AT YOUR OWN RISK.

Date: 13 Feb 1994 11:43:01 GMT
From: agate!howland.reston.ans.net!noc.near.net!news.delphi.com!
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Subject: Nude amateur radio clubs
To: info-hams@ucsd.edu

>>Is this like 'operating barefoot'? Where to they clip the HT's external

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>>speaker-mike?    ;->
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>Where do they hang the HT??

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>steve
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>mosier@fagan.uncg.edu
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Do you really want to know? !!!

You might ask over in rec.nude. They do promote a nude net on Thursdays on 20mtrs I think.

Date: Wed, 09 Feb 1994 11:37
From: qualcomm.com!vixen.cso.uiuc.edu!howland.reston.ans.net!
europa.eng.gtefsd.com!library.ucla.edu!news.mic.ucla.edu!MVS.OAC.UCLA.EDU!
CSMSCST@network.ucsd.edu
Subject: QSL Questions
To: info-hams@ucsd.edu

>In article <CKy1qC.GzC@kaiwan.com>, Doug Brandon <dab@kaiwan.com> wrote:
>>I worked YX0AI on Aves Island in Feb/Mar 1992. The QSL info was via YV5A
>>and I've sent three requests over the past two years with no response.
>>Has anybody received cards via this route, or is there an alternate/better

>>route?

There were major problems with getting this card, but they eventually trickled out. The only routes that worked were to US addresses, then hand carried into Venezuela. That was how I got my cards.

>>Does anybody know if F6FNU QSLs via the bureau?

Ha! Try \$3 to \$5, per card, plus SAE.

-- 73 de Chris Thomas, AA6SQ (ex-WA6HTJ) (CSMSCST@MVS.OAC.UCLA.EDU)

Date: Tue, 15 Feb 1994 00:36:06 GMT
From: amd!amdint.amd.com!dvorak.amd.com!positron!brian@decwrl.dec.com
Subject: Yaesu FT-5100 packet connection
To: info-hams@ucsd.edu

Bill Plymale writes:

> I'm trying to interface a Yaesu FT-5100 to a MFJ-1270B TNC via
> the 5100's DATA IN/OUT jack. I constructed a connector based on
> the instructions in the 5100 manual. The problem is that the
> transmit audio level out of the TNC is way too low.

It may not be the audio from the TNC -- the 5100's data connection port has been changed recently. I own two 5100's -- one is a year old and one is a month old. The "old" 5100 works perfectly well with the TNC wired into the data port on the back of the radio. The "new" 5100 keys up the transmitter but doesn't provide any audio output when it transmits.

I called Yaesu about this and it seems that they've changed the data port on the back of the radio to allow direct 9600 baud connection. In doing this, they made it impossible to run 1200 and 2400 baud packet through the data port. Wiring directly to the mike connector does still work, so that's the "correct" way to do it now. The manuals haven't been updated to reflect the new hardware yet.

Bummer. Now I've got two "identical" radios and two distinctly different ways to plug in a TNC.

Brian McMinn N5PSS brian@amd.com

Date: Wed, 9 Feb 1994 19:58:56 GMT

From: news.Hawaii.Edu!uhunix3.uhcc.Hawaii.Edu!jherman@ames.arpa
To: info-hams@ucsd.edu

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<1994Feb9.031017.13806@ke4zv.atl.ga.us>.uhc
Subject : Re: 40 meter QRP (cw or ssb)

In article <1994Feb9.031017.13806@ke4zv.atl.ga.us> gary@ke4zv.atl.ga.us (Gary
Coffman) writes:
>In article <CKxKI7.1IJ@world.std.com> barnaby@world.std.com (Richard L Barnaby)
writes:
>>Any advice for cracking the morse-as-characters to morse-as-words barrier?
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>No. I've been a ham 30 years and I still can't do it. If I don't write
>it down, I have no idea what's being sent.
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Yes. First, put down your pencil and force yourself to copy in your head.
In fast Morse, you don't want to try to pick out individual letters; rather
you want to hear entire words. Now , one way recognizing words is to make
up code tapes yourself consisting of common words you might hear during
a CW QSO: the, rig, ant, qth, ...; send each word at least a dozen times
and recognition will come very quickly (this is how I learned Vietnamese -
but Gary will quickly deny any correlation between learning a language and
learning code even though the methods of learning are the same: repetition!).

I'd wish you the best of luck but luck has nothing to do with it; just
practice, practice, practice.

72 to you Richard (and Gary, too!)

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Jeffrey NH6IL jherman@hawaii.edu, who, in his spare time, cannibalizes
old TV sets to make QRP transmitters (CW, of course).

Previously: WA6QIJ, WH6AEQ, NMO (U.S. Coast Guard Radio Honolulu: 500 kc CW)

Vietnamese Proverb: If you study you will become what you wish
If you do not study you will never become anything.

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